

# Homeschooling and Working While Shaping Amazing Learners by LM Preston Excerpt

When you have a strong-willed child, there is no immediate solution for teaching them the valuable lessons of self-control, respect for authority, keeping destructive reactions in check, and just being obedient when the time dictates it. Your commitment to transform your strong-willed child into a strong man or woman is a journey that will teach you more about yourself than you thought possible. It will test your patience, your ability to hold your temper, your reasoning, your capacity for love and energy. Managing all of this and continuing to work and homeschool will seem nearly impossible. It can be done when you use all the tools shared in this book.

Positive adults and leaders can be born of this tedious work. My husband and I have seen the fruits of this with our four children, all of whom were strong-willed. Truth is, my husband and I were both strong willed and because of that have done some pretty amazing things in our lives. We just didn't accept the reality of the status quo. Our motto was, 'turning the no into our yes.' We created our own path to reach our goals.

As for our children, we didn't want to break their wills. We only wanted to give them the tools to operate in their world without becoming a destructive force within it but, instead, to become a positive force.